

From the Editors

The papers in this final issue of the journal for 2013 can be seen as representing elements of natural history studies that have long been hallmarks of *The Victorian Naturalist*. Here we are pleased to publish papers that are both timely and pertinent. Climate change and its impacts pose the biggest environmental issue of our time and today forms the background context for many field studies. The ever-present danger of bushfires is one potential impact referred to here by Zylstra. Changes in the range of plant and animal species is another, and is considered by De Angelis *et al.* in looking at the first Victorian record of a colourful spider species. Our publishing of the papers by Green and Zylstra is timely also in that both were originally written for a recent Australian Institute of Alpine Studies symposium on the theme 'Fire in high places'.

The Editors are pleased to commend the results of the three studies published here to our readers.

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